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DEVICE AND NONVOLATILE MEMORY DEVICE  
IMPLEMENTING THE READING METHOD

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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed within three months of the filing date of a National Application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Compliance with 37 CFR §1.704(d)

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PART III: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached European Search Report.

PART IV: Remarks

A copy of any document cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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